

# Leicester & District Organists' Association

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**Mission Statement:** 'To promote the love of pipe organs and all types of organ music throughout Leicester and Leicestershire region and beyond, being fully inclusive of players and non-players alike.'

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## JANUARY NEWSLETTER

The Officers and Committee hope that you have all had a Merry Christmas and wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Musically, it has gone a little less hectic now that the Midnight Mass and Christmas services have finished, and apart from the Feast of the Epiphany Carol Service, those of us who have a church to serve can relax a little before Lent, and then Easter beckons.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our member Richard Young has kindly **made the arrangements for our meeting in January on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> commencing at 2.00pm** at the **Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin in Dodford**, Northamptonshire, and then to Farthingstone a short distance away. The instruments are small village organs in the care of Richard and should be very interesting to view and play. Please see the map at the back of this newsletter.

**Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>** is the annual **Benevolent Fund Concert** this year at **Lutterworth Methodist Church** at **commencing at 3.00pm**. As you may recall this had had a major overhaul recently by Richard Young. Those taking part include our current bursary student Sebastian Carrington and the organist of the church Bill Tomkins.

The **March meeting** is at **Bishop Street Methodist Church** on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**. **Paul Hale** will be giving an 'Organ Demonstration and Talk' on the restoration project of which he was the consultant. Admission is £10 (Concessions £8) including an interval drink.

Advance notice: **AGM** is on **Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm**. - Details in April's news sheet.

## RECITALS AND CONCERTS

### THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS AT ST. MARGARET'S Parish Church Leicester commencing at 1.00pm

11 <sup>th</sup> January - Simon Murphy	12 <sup>th</sup> July - Philip Bricher
8 <sup>th</sup> February - David Crick	9 <sup>th</sup> August - Thomas Keogh
8 <sup>th</sup> March - Andrew McMillan	13 <sup>th</sup> September - Iain Harvey
12 <sup>th</sup> April - Simon Ainge	11 <sup>th</sup> October - Roxanne Gull
10 <sup>th</sup> May - Recorders & Harpsichord LEMF	8 <sup>th</sup> November - Phillip Herbert
14 <sup>th</sup> June - "Peter Crump" Memorial Recital - Anne de Graeve & Longslade Consort	13 <sup>th</sup> December - Simon Lumby

*Tea, coffee and light refreshments available. Retiring Collection in aid of the Organ Fund*

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### BISHOP STREET METHODIST CHURCH LEICESTER

Organ Concert on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm - Nigel Ogden  
Admission £10 (Concessions £8)

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### LEICESTER MUSIC FESTIVAL - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February

This will take place in the St Cecilia Auditorium, English Martyrs' Catholic School, Anstey Lane, Leicester. An Interactive Workshop entitled - *How does the organ work?* - commencing at 2.30 led by Aric Prentice who is Director of Music, Lincoln Cathedral. If members are not familiar with the workings of a pipe organ then this promises to be a fascinating session for all. Also on display there will be the unique STELLOS, all the way from Lincoln Cathedral. It is intended that the students taking part will have the opportunity to assemble all of the working parts and then hearing it come alive! The **Organ Competition (4-6pm)**, sponsored by the Royal College of Organists, will be adjudicated by Nicholas Wearne (Birmingham Conservatoire). The closing date for this was 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017 well before this newsletter was formatted. Nevertheless, it would be interesting to observe the talents of the students and hear them play. There will be a presentation afterwards of trophies and medals for the various winners of the festival. There is an entry fee to cover the expense of the day as follows:

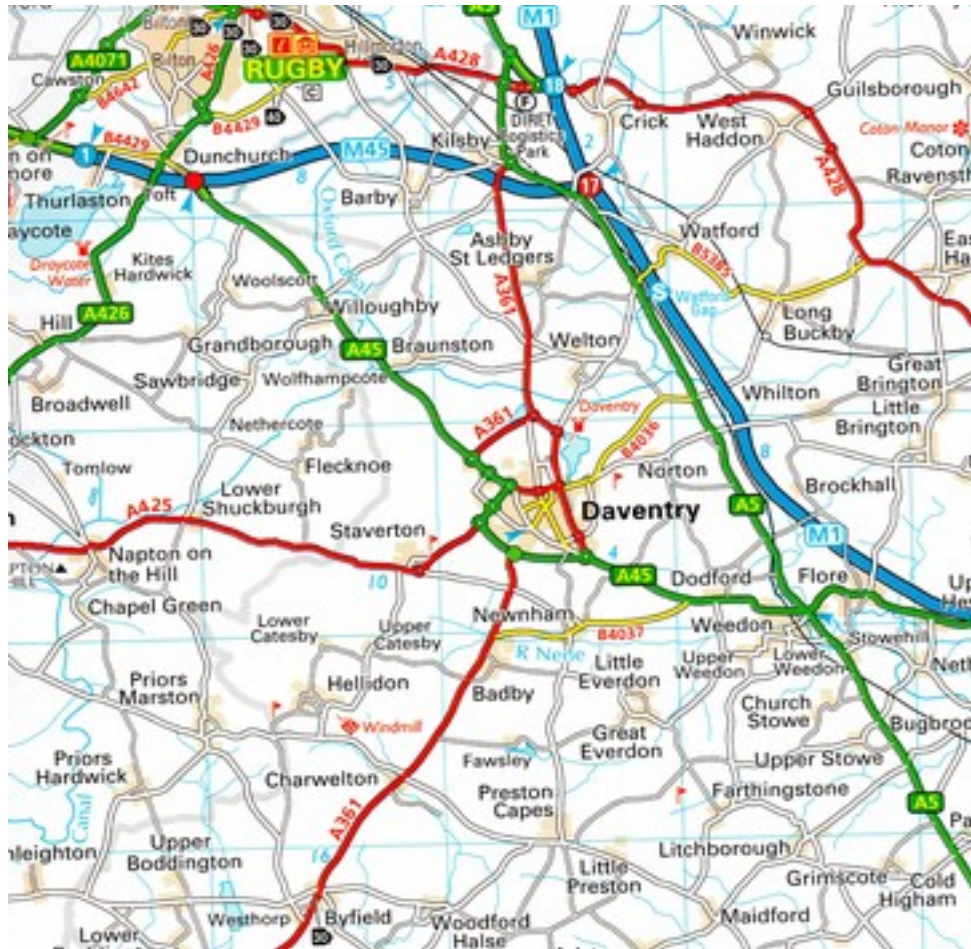
Adult tickets £5 (includes access to all of the day's events including the organ competition)  
Under-19s FREE.

Spectators are warmly welcomed for the Organ Competition, entry on the door, or online at [www.leicestermusicfest.com](http://www.leicestermusicfest.com) is £2.50, under 19s free.

In addition to the organ events, Leicester MusicFest offers a wide variety of competitions, concerts and workshops to enjoy, running 9th-12th February at English Martyrs' School. Find out more at [www.leicestermusicfest.com](http://www.leicestermusicfest.com).

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## How to get there - Saturday January 27th



The easiest route to Dodford is down the **A5** through Kilsby. About **1 mile from Weedon** look out for a **turning on the right** which is a minor road **signposted Dodford**. Follow this road towards the village, and at the next tee junction **turn left onto Brockhall Road**. After about three hundred yards or so, **bear right (still on Brockhall Road)** and **turn left** after 250 yards approximately **at the next junction**. After a short distance the **Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin** is on the right.

To reach **Farthingstone**, retrace the route from Dodford Church and turn right on to Brockhall Road. At the next junction bear right and follow this road to the A45. **Turn left then left again** on to the **A45, signposted Northampton/Weedon**. Then at the junction in Weedon **turn right on to the A5**. Carry on down the A5, over the canal bridge and turn right at the next minor road **signposted Church Stowe**. This is **Main Street**. Follow this through the village (**turning right then left**) until the next junction. Turn right here, and at the **next crossroad, turn left** on to **Weedon Road signposted Farthingstone**. In the village **turn right** on to **Main Street** and follow this for about **three hundred yards** or so to the **next tee junction**. The **Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin** is opposite on the left on **Maidford Road**.

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